

Response Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Appln. No.: 10/762,497

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 and 13-23 are pending.

In Paragraph No. 5 of the Action, claims 1, 7-11, 13, 14, 19-20 and 23; 2; 3, 5 and 15-17; 4; and 18 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claims 3; 4; 8; 7; and 9, respectively, of copending Application No. 10/751,306 in view of Miyakawa et al (EP 1271251 A1) and Hara (JP 2001-166605).

In Paragraph No. 7 of the Action, claims 6 and 21 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as allegedly being unpatentable over claim 3 of copending Application No. 10/751,306 in view of Miyakawa et al (EP 1271251 A1), Hara (JP 2001-166605) and Tokimatsu et al (JP 11-231692).

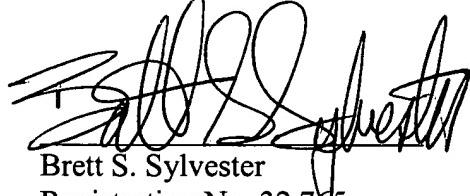
Applicants submit a Replacement Terminal Disclaimer to obviate these two provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejections. The Terminal Disclaimer submitted with the Amendment filed March 6, 2006 was not accepted because it was not signed by an attorney or agent of record. Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that no fee is required when submitting a Replacement Terminal Disclaimer.

Allowance is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Noting the Examiner's statement that no fee is required when filing a Replacement Terminal Disclaimer, it is not believed that any fee is required beyond the one month extension fee being paid by the attached check. However, if a fee is required, the USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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